

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 8-16 have been canceled. New Claims 17-25 are active in the case.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to an ethylene-vinyl alcohol based copolymer having a good long term run stability in melt molding.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been canceled. Allowable Claim 12 has been canceled in favor of new Claim 17. Original Claims 8-16 have been canceled in favor of new Claims 18-21. Previously active Claims 14 to 16 have been canceled in favor of new Claims 22-24. Claim 16 reappears as new Claim 25.

Accordingly, the new claims are believed to be in proper condition for allowance.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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